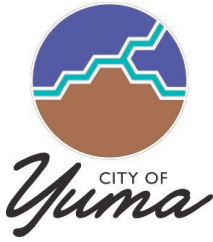


Yuma Parks & Recreation



CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAMS



SEPTEMBER 2015

Fiestas Patrias



Literally translated, 'Fiestas Patrias' means "Patriotic Holidays" & refers to (5) separate holidays celebrated throughout the year in Mexico. To local Yuman's, the term refers to Mexico's

Independence Day that is celebrated every September 16th.

This year, the City of Yuma is hosting their FIRST EVER Fiestas Patrias celebration at Desert Sun Stadium. Community members from the entire Southwest are invited to attend this FREE to the public event to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month and celebrate Mexico's Independence day. Enjoy live musical entertainment by Rondalla De Todos Santos out of UABS, Ensenada B.C., Mariachi Gadsden & live Folklorico performances by Missael del Professor Tomas



Velazquez from Mexicali. The Kids' safe play area features 6 water slides, FREE face painting, photo booths and FREE popcorn! United for Yuma will present an official reading of the Grito de Dolores just before the fireworks show finale!



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Yuma Parks & Recreation Fall | Winter Activities Guide



It's here!! The Yuma Parks and Recreation 2015-2016 Fall & Winter Activities Guide is now available at all of our recreational facilities, including Desert Hills Golf Course, Yuma Civic Center, the Yuma Art Center and on-line at www.yumaaaz.gov/parksandrec

The Activities Guide is your planning tool for the next six months to fill-up your days and weekends with a variety of activities for everyone!

You can register for programs and classes online too!

Visit www.yumaaaz.gov/parksandrec or <https://apm.activecommunities.com/cityofyumaaaz/>



Parks & Recreation Featured Activities

Come Out and Play Day!

Yuma Parks and Recreation and the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Yuma are once again teaming up to host "Come Out and Play - Day for Kids" at the Valley Aquatic Center, 4381 W 18th Street and adjacent to Sunrise Optimist Park from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, Saturday, September 26th.

This event is free for the entire family and offers sports, games, activities, contest, races, swimming, and Yuma's largest slip n slide. There will be water games, splash contest, relays, the Imagination Playground in a Box, and lots of prizes will be given away. Local service and youth sports organizations will be on hand to pass out information at the Sunrise Optimist Park next to the pool.

Bring the kids, the grandparents, and your friends to this free event. As always the Salvation Army will be there serving free hotdogs and soda while supplies last! See you all there!



10 Reasons to Bicycle

1. Get fit without trying too hard!
2. Bicycling relieves stress!
3. Live longer!
4. It's an inexpensive, mode of transportation!
5. It's a lifetime activity, and everyone can do it!
6. It helps save the planet!
7. It's something you can do with the entire family!
8. You can enjoy the outdoors!
9. You can make friends!
10. It's fun!

Check out the new and exciting City of Yuma website that has a map of the bike routes paths and lanes in our community!

www.yumaaz.gov

PARKS MAINTENANCE—Spruce Up Your Park Day & SVW Pickets

The City of Yuma will be out bright and early at the West Wetlands Park sprucing up and cleaning up the park. We are looking for volunteers to help us plant trees, repair trails, trim trees, lay mulch, pick up trash, and remove graffiti. Bring the family and be a part of our **Playful City USA Spruce Up Your Park Day!!**

Date : Saturday September 12 | 7am-10 am
West Wetlands Park (**Humming Bird/ Butterfly Garden**)



The Parks and Recreation department will be giving back pickets that were not damaged by the fire at the Stewart Vincent Wolfe Creative playground back in December. Please call the Parks & Recreation Department 373-5200 to get information about the pickets, and the process on how to get them back.



In case you have missed the buzz, there is a movement afoot to try to get people to play golf from distances that will make it more enjoyable, and help them hit shots with clubs in the same manner the tour players do.

The Tee It Forward initiative is a great idea and one we should all be promoting. In an effort to speed up play and make the game more enjoyable for everyday golfers faced with long and punishing golf courses, the USGA and PGA of America rolled out the "Tee It Forward" campaign. This campaign encourages golfers to play at a length that more closely matches their actual abilities. Which tees are appropriate for you? Use this handy chart, which recommends an ideal course length for your average driving distance."

A statistic from the Pelz Golf Institute: The average driving distance of a 10-handicap golfer is **213 YARDS!!**

Driver Distance	Recommended 18-Hole Yardages
Tour Pro	7,600-7,900
300	7,150-7,400
275	6,700-6,900
250	6,200-6,400
225	5,800-6,000
200	5,200-5,400
175	4,400-4,600
150	3,500-3,700
125	2,800-3,000
100	2,100-2,300



Brian Farkas, PGA—Golf Operations Manager

Brian joined us August 10th from California. He has a diverse and experienced background ranging from, teaching, golf shop and restaurant operations, hotel and spa operations, and golf course grounds maintenance management. With Brian's lengthy 30+ year career in the hospitality industry, he has many accomplishments under his belt. One being, he pioneered the Jr. Golf programs for the City of New York. Utilizing school yards, parks and ball fields Brian brought golf to thousands of kids! Please join us in welcoming Brian to the team!

Yuma Civic Center

1440 W. Desert Hills Drive | 928-373-5040 | yumaaz.gov/parksandrec

YPIC JOB FAIR

Mark your calendar for September 2, 2015 as the Yuma Private Industry Council (YPIC), brings a Job & Education Fair to the Civic Center from 9am - 1 pm.



The 5th Annual Wedding & Quinceañera Expo The Man Cave returns this year, as well as **Free childcare** by Kidsland Academy. Pre-show tickets are available now for **\$5** 'buy one get one' free, **BOGO**, at: yumaaz.gov/events or any City of Yuma ticket office location.

September

- 9/5-6 Yuma Territorial Gun Show
- 9/12 Fiestas Patrias
- 9/19 Wedding & Quinceañera Expo

Look Ahead October

- 10/22-26 Circus Vargas
- 10/24 Rio de Cerveza Brew Fest



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Yuma's Favorite Event Place
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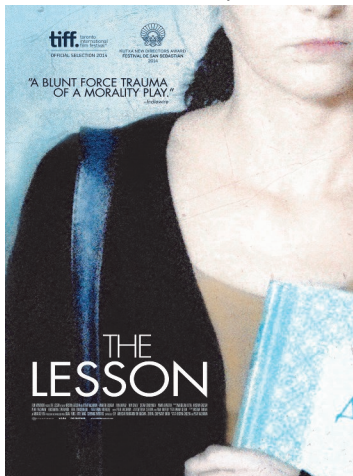
Class Registration Begins!

The Yuma Art Center is currently taking registrations for our fall series of class offerings. There are classes for all ages and skill levels and in a variety of different art forms. For the children we have Twinkle Toes, Story Time with a Twist, Shining Stars, Painting for Creativity and a whole lot more. For the adults we have Salsa 101, Wheel Throwing Workshop, Open Pottery Studio and Instant Guitar and Piano for Hopelessly Busy People. Sign up today and join our talented instructors as they help you to **"Be Part of the Arts"** here at the Yuma Art Center!



Thursdays at the Theatre

This month's offering from our long-running independent film series is **"The Lesson"**, a drama from Bulgaria. An elementary school teacher is faced with serious financial struggles after a series of unfortunate events leave her almost destitute. In her struggle to survive she has to face decisions and take measures that she would previously never have considered. Showtime is 7pm and tickets are available at the door. Cost is \$5 general admission or \$2.50 with a valid AWC/NAU student ID.

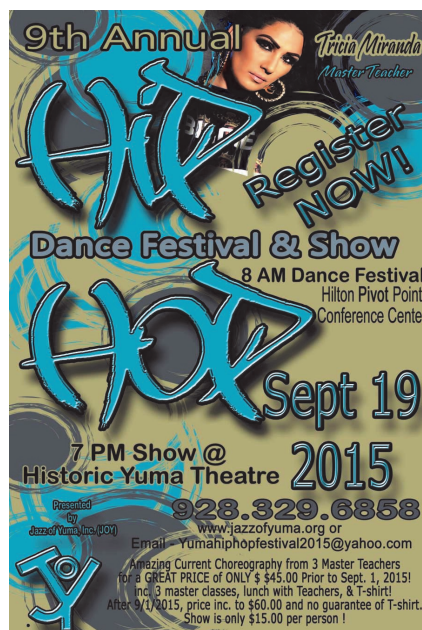


Single Ticket Sales Begin!

Single tickets for each show in our 4 Performing Artist Series will go on sale Wednesday, September 30th. For those who wish to mix-and-match their show experiences between these incredible Series and the world-class entertainment they offer now is the time! Show tickets make great gifts and with the holidays fast approaching we have all your entertainment needs covered! Full Series tickets will remain on sale for those who wish to save a little money with great package deals.

"Art is the desire of a man to express himself, to record the reactions of his personality to the world he lives in." - Amy Lowell-

Hip-Hop Festival & Dance Show



Jazz of Yuma hosts this high-energy Hip-Hop show featuring some of the best dancers and choreographers from LA including Yuma's own Tricia Miranda. There will be Master Classes all day at the Pivot Point followed by the show at 7pm on the Historic Yuma Theatre stage. Tickets for the show are \$15 and available online at jazzofyuma.com or call 329-6858.

The Galleries Are Open!

The Yuma Art Center Galleries are once again open to the public. We have finished our annual maintenance and painting and brought in 3 brand new exhibits from artists Andy Layne, James Shay, and Jeni Bate. Take a stroll down Main Street and stop by to be inspired by what our Galleries have to offer. The opening reception for the new exhibits will be on Friday, September 11th from 5-7pm. It is free and open to the public. Join us!

Achieve Talent Show

Achieve Human Services will host their annual talent show on Wednesday, September 23rd at 6pm. This show will feature the talents of their clients and is free to the general public. Donations will be accepted and go to benefit the programs that Achieve offers. Come out for a fun, free evening and support an organization which is having such a positive impact on the Yuma community.



Achieve is a Community Rehabilitation Program (CRP) who continues to serve Individuals seeking employment training and career opportunities. ACHIEVE offers housing opportunities for individuals who require supported living and are diagnosed with a serious mental illness (SMI). Achieves mission is to empower the individuals we serve to live their lives to their greatest potential.

The Yuma Art Center

For more information or to purchase tickets:
 Call: (928) 373-5202 | Online: www.yumaz.gov/events
 Ticket Outlets: The Yuma Art Center | Parks & Recreation Department | Yuma Civic Center